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### *ARREST RELEASE*

On 05-17-2015 at 2:18pm a resident near Andrews Park, 850 N. Central Avenue called Rockford Police to report that they saw two black males passing a handgun between them. The resident gave a detailed clothing description and advised that both subjects were in the park. Upon officers arrival they observed the described subjects on the basketball court surrounded by several children under the age of 10. Officers approached the two subjects and discovered that one of the subjects possessed a .22 caliber handgun in his pants pockets. Both subjects were taken into custody.

#### Arrested and Charges:

JOHNSON, ANTHONY B/M 24 year old Rockford resident  
Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon  
Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon  
Violation of the Firearm Owner's Identification Card Act (No FOID)

JONES, KENNETH B/M 24 year old Rockford resident  
Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon  
Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon  
Violation of the Firearm Owner's Identification Card Act (No FOID)  
Violation of the Cannabis Control Act

The charges against Johnson and Jones are accusations and they are presumed innocent until proven guilty.



The Rockford Police Department commends this alert citizen for contacting the police, knowing that the neighborhood that this incident took place in has had an increase in violent crime, including gun crimes. Only through the help of the community can we stem the tide of gun crimes in Rockford.

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